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In re Application of:)
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Serial No. To Be Assigned)
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For: Perpendicular Magnetic Recording)
Head Including Nonmagnetic Layer)
Overlaying Main Pole Layer)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicants hereby submit references A1 – A5 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith.

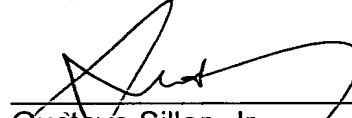
Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 8-106613 discloses a thin-film perpendicular magnetic recording head. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-320720 discloses a construction with a shaped main pole layer.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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